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This edition of the Bulletin will be devoted largely to the proceedings of the Biennial Association Meeting, held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 18, 1946, pursuant to ARTICLE V, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

Forty-three members attended in person and 1410 by proxy.

The guest of honor at the Association luncheon was Rear Admiral Leo O. Colbert, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, whose talk was most appreciatively received by the membership.

Resolutions were adopted:—

1. Favoring an increase in the retired pay of enlisted men, warrant officers and commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service.

2. Approving the recommendations of its Public Relations Committee to

(a) Exempt from Federal Income Tax all pay allowed by law to a Commissioned Officer, Chief Warrant Officer or Warrant Officer, on the retired list of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Coast and Geodetic Survey or Public Health Service, when he or she shall reach the statutory retirement age.

(b) Grant to all those officers named in (a) above, now or hereafter retired, three quarters of the allowances for subsistence and quarters of the rank in which retired.

(c) Establish a system of social security benefits for the dependents of officers, payments to become effective upon the death of an officer, either active or retired.

3. Favoring the passage of Senate Bill 1412 and its companion Bill H.R. 4144 of the 79th Congress, First session.

4. That all proceedings of and elections and appointments made by the Board of Directors of the Retired Officers Association since February 1, 1944, are approved, ratified and confirmed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Membership:

Though mindful of the value of a short, snappy report upon most subjects, and at the risk of criticism from those who have so often heard me inveigh against long-winded statistical reports, I feel that, in this instance, the membership is entitled to a report which shall be a narrative of the entire proceedings of their Board of Directors since the decision was reached, in November, 1943, by the old Board of Directors, to move the home office to Washington, D. C., and this is an attempt at that kind of a report.

The minutes back to November 9, 1937 reveal no record of a Membership Meeting having been held. Therefore, this report will not attempt to cover any interval beyond the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held at Los Angeles, California, November 1, 1943, when the story of establishing the Home Office of the Association in Washington, D. C., begins.

The pertinent paragraphs of the minutes of that meeting are quoted: "3. Colonel A. T. Marix, U.S.M.C., Retired, the President of the Association, called the meeting to order and advised the Board that the first thing to decide was whether or not we will move our headquarters to Washington, D. C. or the immediate vicinity.

5. Lt. Col. C. S. Frank, U.S.A., Retired, made a motion that Article 1, Section 2 of our By-Laws be changed by striking out the words "Los Angeles, California" and substituting therefor the words "Washington, D. C., or immediate vicinity"—Also to change ARTICLE II, Section 1, by incorporating after the word "orders" the following: "and retired Reserve Officers and retired officers of the Army of the United States." This motion was carried unanimously."

(The above quoted action of the Board of Directors is important since the first part transferred the headquarters of the Association from Los Angeles to Washington, and the second part admitted to membership in the Association Reserve officers and officers of the Army of the United States. This qualification for membership remained unchanged until April 12, 1944, during which period a number of such officers were admitted.)

"6. The President and Secretary of the Retired Officers Association, at this time, tender their resignations to the office they hold, said resignation to be effective January 31, 1944. This motion was carried unanimously by the Board with deep regrets.

"9. It was decided to close our Los Angeles, California, office December 31, 1943, and move our office furniture, filing cases, typewriter etc., by the Bekins Van and Storage Company, to Washington, D. C., and retain our books until January 15, 1944, to be handled from the Secretary's home to enter the odds and ends after December 31, 1943. The opening date of the Association's Headquarters in or near Washington, D. C., to be effective on February 1, 1944.

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ARMY

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Major General John H. Hughes	Major General Walter C. Baker
Brigadier General Charles D. Roberts	Colonel James Totten
Brigadier General Francis H. Pope	Colonel Albert C. Love
Colonel Lawrence C. Crawford	Colonel Harry La T. Cavenaugh

NAVY

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Commander Lincoln Humphreys	Admiral David F. Sellers
Captain George A. Alexander	Rear Admiral Charles Conard
Lieut. Comdr. Hugo Frankenberger	Captain Robert Henderson

MARINE CORPS

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Major General Louis McCarty Little	Major General Rufus Lane
Major Frank Sherwood	Captain John D. Roberts

COAST GUARD

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet	Rear Admiral Wm. J. Wheeler
Commander F. A. Hunnewell	Commander Charles W. Cairnes

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Lieut. Comdr. George E. Morris	Captain G. T. Rude

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Term Expiring February, 1950	Term Expiring February, 1948
Medical Director Bolivar J. Lloyd	Medical Director Allan McLaughlin

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"10. Major Beach of the Board of Directors made a motion which was duly seconded and carried that the new Board of Directors which will take office on February 1, 1944, elect a new President and also decide what compensation Captain Jackson should receive, rather than to have the present Board act on that matter. The motion was carried.

"11. Colonel Marix advised the Board by motion duly seconded and carried that he thought it best for Captain Jackson to come to Los Angeles, California, and familiarize himself with the operation of the Association's work for about five days at the Association's expense for the round trip.

"12. At this time the Board decided that during January, 1944, the funds of the Association should be transferred to Washington, D. C., and such transfer to be made to Captain Robert Henderson, U.S.N. Retired, a Director of the Association. The motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously."

Thus the machinery was set in motion for physically moving the Headquarters of the Association from Los Angeles to Washington. According to schedule the Association found itself, on January 11, 1944, established in Room 732 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C., sharing the law office of Captain Thomas J. Jackson, U.S.A., Retired. At 5:00 P.M. on that date a meeting of the one surviving Director, Captain Robert Henderson, U.S.N., Retired, was held in the new office by authority of ARTICLE V, Section 4 of the By-Laws then in force. (Now ARTICLE VI, Section 3 of the By-Laws approved September 14, 1945). The minutes of that meeting are of sufficient moment to quote in full:

RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board met at 5:00 P.M., January 11, 1944, at 732 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

Present: Captain Robert Henderson, U.S.N.

Captain Henderson stated that he has been instructed by the Secretary of the Navy that Retired Officers on Active duty cannot serve on the Board of Directors.

In view of the fact that no other officers are available, the Board decided to conduct the following business as a matter of emergency.

Captain Henderson read Article 92, USNR, which is as follows: "Combinations of officers for the purpose of influencing legislation, remonstrating against orders or complaining of details of duty are forbidden."

In view of the decision of the Secretary of the Navy with reference to Article 92, USNR, it is

RESOLVED, That the Retired Officers Association, until further resolution of the Board of Directors, shall conduct no activities for the purpose of influencing legislation.

Captain Henderson reported that he had received a check for $250 payable to the order of "Robert Henderson" and another check for $5,000 made out to the order of "Robert Henderson, Trustee."

Captain Henderson stated that, having consulted with other members, he would deposit these checks in the joint account of Captain Chester Wells and Captain Robert Henderson, Trustees.

It is recommended that a committee be appointed to rewrite the By-Laws, and that the Board of Directors be increased to twenty-three as follows: 7 Army; 7 Navy; 3 Marine; 2 Coast Guard; 1 Public Health Service; 1 Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Bills have been presented as follows: Rent $35.00; express, crating and insurance service $32.65; painting name on door $4.95; postage $10.00; advance for stenographic service $50.00.

Approved: (Signed) ROBERT HENDERSON,
Chairman, Director and Acting President.

The next meeting was held in the Board of Governors Room, Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., at 5:00 P.M., February 1, 1944, the date set by the Los Angeles meeting of November 1, 1943 for a new Board of Directors to be appointed and take over.

Captain Henderson, Acting Chairman, Presiding. Present: Captain Robert Henderson, Major General Louis McCarty Little, Admiral D. F. Sellers, Captain Chester Wells, Brigadier General Francis Pope, Colonel Lawrence C. Crawford, Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet, Captain John W. Kerr, and Colonel J. W. Dinsmore.

By authority of the By-Laws, the Chairman appointed the following as members of the Board of Directors:

Admiral D. F. Sellers, U.S.N., Major General Louis McCarty Little, U.S.M.C., Captain Chester Wells, U.S.N., Major General Walter C. Baker, U.S.A., Brig. General Francis H. Pope, U.S.A., Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G., Medical Director John W. Kerr, U.S.P.H.S.

Captain Robert Henderson was elected Chairman, Pro tempore. A paragraph of the minutes of that meeting is quoted: "Captain Henderson again called attention to the resolution regarding U.S.N. Regulation 92, wherein no legislative activities were to be conducted by the Association until further resolution, whereupon, in addition to accepting the minutes, this resolution was particularly reaffirmed by the Board, upon motion." To this date no resolution to the contrary has been presented. The Board did, at a later meeting, resolve that the report of our Public Relations Committee be transmitted to the Secretary of War and to the Secretary of the Navy, through appointed liaison officers which was done.

At this meeting a Finance Committee, Captain Chester Wells, Chairman, Major Genl. Louis McCarty Little and Colonel Lawrence C. Crawford, Members, was appointed. That Committee has continued to function ably and efficiently to this day.

A committee to revise the By-Laws, Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet, Chairman, Admiral D. F. Sellers and Brig. General Francis H. Pope was appointed at this meeting.

The next meeting was held at the same place at 2:00 P.M., Monday, February 21, 1944. At that meeting the following motion was passed: "Motion made and carried that Captain Thomas J. Jackson be employed on a month to month basis at a salary of $200 per month, beginning December 1. 1943." Also at that meeting new By-Laws, as presented by the revision committee were presented and adopted. (It should be noted that this revision, which contained eligibility of Reserve Officers and Officers of the A.U.S. was not the final form adopted, because at a latter meeting, April 12, 1944, the By-Laws as thus approved were again considered and that eligibility stricken out.)

Captain Henderson requested that he be relieved as Chairman Pro Tempore, and, on motion duly passed, Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet was elected Chairman Pro Tempore.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors at the same place, March 22, 1944, the present officers (except the 3rd Vice President, Commander Charles W. Cairnes, U.S.C.G., who was elected June 28, 1945), were elected and installed, and the Association began to function fully, except that the Executive Vice President and Treasurer was not to take office until April 1, 1944. The following policy was adopted:

(a) Obtain services of a competent Secretary.
(b) Obtain suitable office space and move into it.
(c) Inform the membership of the new set-up and of the policy of the Association.
(d) Take immediate steps to increase membership.
(e) Modernize office equipment with a view to expanding membership and increased business.
(f) Hold expenditures to a monthly budget approved by the Executive Committee.
(g) Invest a substantial part of our financial resources and conduct the affairs of the Association within the remainder plus normal income, and, as circumstances of income warrant, increase investment.
(h) Make studies and preparations for presenting proposed legislation whenever it becomes proper to make such presentations.

A resolution of appreciation for the work of Colonel A. T. Marix, U.S.M.C., Retired, who so successfully headed the Association from February, 1929, to February, 1944, was passed at the March 22nd meeting, and, with the installation of the new officers, as stated above, begins the stewardship of the present officers, upon which I am pleased to report as follows:

(a) and (b) were accomplished by the middle of April, 1944.
(c) was accomplished by Circular letter of May 16, 1944.
(d) was accomplished by the appointment of a membership committee, whose studies and reports to the Board of Directors resulted in the submission to the entire membership of the proposals which reached you by return postcard vote, and the results of which were published to you in the Association Bulletin of October, 1945.
(e), (f) and (g) are reported to you in the Executive Vice President's report and the Treasurer's Report.
(h) has been carried out by the Public Relations Committee, whose report has already been published to you in the Association Bulletin. Every proper effort has been made to bring the matters contained in that report to the attention of those to whom we could address ourselves upon the subjects treated of in the report.

Upon assuming the office of President my first care was to request the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to appoint a liaison officer with this Association. Each complied at once, the former by appointing The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, and the latter by appointing The Chief and the Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Personnel. It is a pleasure to report to you that the Association's relations with those officers have been most cordial.

Your Board of Directors decided to issue a quarterly Bulletin of information to the membership. Accordingly the Retired Officers Association Bulletin, published quarterly, the first month in each quarter, was inaugurated in April, 1945. The Board of Directors has received, so far, just one complaint concerning the Bulletin, some nine thousand copies of which have been circulated. It is only fair to state that a large number of compliments have been received concerning the Bulletin. In this connection, perhaps some have begun to wonder what has become of the January, 1946, issue. By arrangement with the Postal Authorities the issue of the first quarterly publication of the Bulletin in 1946 has been postponed until February in order to include in that issue the proceedings of this meeting. Otherwise, that report to the membership would not have gone out until the April issue.

Your Board of Directors decided that the best interests of the Association would be served by incorporating, and that was done, May 5, 1944, in the District of Columbia.

Legislative Activities

In order that you may have the complete picture of the situation in respect of restrictions upon legislative activities of the Association, please recall the resolution passed at the first meeting of the Board of Directors, January 11, 1944, the minutes of which meeting are set forth early in this report, which resolution was reaffirmed by the Board of Directors at its meeting February 1, 1944. Beside the Navy

Regulation referred to, Army Regulation 600-10, since amended in some particulars but not with respect to prohibition of retired officers engaging in attempts to influence legislation, was in force. These two prohibiting Regulations controlled the thinking, and probably the voting, of Army and Navy members. From the Army Regulation in effect at that time is quoted the pertinent paragraphs:

5. Legislative activities and testimony before committees of Congress.—

a. Legislative activities.—Except as authorized by the War Department, efforts by any person in the active military service of the United States or by any retired member of the Regular Army to procure or oppose or in any manner influence legislation affecting the Army or to procure personal favor through legislation, except to procure the enactment of private relief legislation, are forbidden. (Private relief legislation proposed or initiated by or on behalf of one individual for reimbursement or relief to himself alone for damage or loss to his own person or property.) (With respect to appearances before committees of Congress, see b(2) below.)

b. Testimony before committees of Congress.

(1) All military personnel are subject to being summoned or requested to appear before committees of Congress. Upon receipt of a summons or request to appear, military personnel will notify Legislative and Liaison Division, War Department Special Staff, prior to appearance. Direct communication for this purpose is authorized.

(2) Except when summoned or requested to appear as stated in (1) above, no military personnel will appear before committees of Congress unless authorized or directed by the Secretary of War.

(3) With regard to policies and facts which the public interest does not require to be kept secret, confidential, or restricted (see AR 380-5), persons in the military service are entirely free to testify as to their opinions and beliefs when requested to appear or summoned before appropriate committees of the Senate or House of Representatives.

(4) For instructions relative to testimony on secret, confidential, or restricted matters, see AR 380-5.

The Navy Regulation has been previously quoted. The Navy restrictions were somewhat eased in a letter dated January 6, 1944, the late Colonel Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy, said among other things:

"There has not been, nor is there now, any prohibition against retired officers serving as members or officers of the Retired Officers Association, provided their conduct and the activities of the Association do not violate the provisions of Article 92, Navy Regulations. In the event that the Association should indulge in activities covered by Article 92, it will then be incumbent for those officers and members who are on active duty at that time to sever their connection with the Association forthwith."

The Judge Advocate General of the Navy in his October-December, 1943, Court Martial Order No. 4-1943, 4 June 1944, said in effect that if the activities of the Retired Officers Association "include the influencing of legislation" then "retired officers on active duty would violate the provisions of Article 92, Navy Regulations, by maintaining membership in the Retired Officers Association for the reason that the members would constitute a combination of officers within the meaning of the regulation."

In the same opinion it was further stated "apparently Article 92, Navy Regulations is not based on any provision of law. It is, therefore, a matter of policy rather than law as to whether retired officers on active duty may be permitted to retain membership in the Retired Officers Association. If the Secretary of the Navy, as a matter of policy, may desire to permit this being done, it can be accomplished by an appropriate modification to Article 92, a matter for original considerations by the Bureau of Naval Personnel."

This decision by the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, further eased the situation in respect of Navy, Marine and Coast Guard officers, though there still were restrictions remaining.

No motion or resolution has been presented to the Board of Directors to change the policy laid down in the first meeting held in Washington. Every legislative effort put forth by this Association has been in conformity with the Regulations of the Army and the Navy governing those matters.

In my judgement the foregoing has been a sound policy for this Association, and will continue to be until all members who are officers of the Navy and Marine Corps (The Coast Guard is no longer affected by Navy Regulations) on active duty have been returned to the retired list, and until a modification of Army Regulations comes about, bringing those Regulations nearer in line with Navy Regulations, and the Judge Advocate General's interpretation of them. It is my personal opinion that the Association has made many friends (and by the same token lost some) by adhering to the above mentioned policy.

I would like to leave with you the thought that after two years close observation of the affairs of this Association it is my firm conviction that the Association is needed by the retired officers who compose its membership, and that its value to them will continue to grow in volume and to expand into new fields of helpfulness. The idea that it could do those very things is what induced me to accept this office. I am now, more than ever, convinced.

I would fail in my duty did I not bring to your attention the fact that whatever measure of success the Association has attained in the past two years is due to the able and conscientious labors of the Board of Directors, and to the loyal work of the various committees who so tirelessly do the spade work of the organization.

I extend my personal thanks to all of them for their loyal support.

(Signed) D. F. SELLERS,
Admiral, U.S.N., Retired,
President.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

1. I assumed the duties of the office of Executive Vice President, of which office this is a report, combined with the office of Treasurer, of which office there is a separate report, on April 1, 1944. The directive given me is contained in the President's report.

2. The first item of that directive was met when the Association had the good fortune to secure the services of Miss Rita McGinnis as Secretary. Her wide experience, industry and interest in the work of the Association was

invaluable to our office. Many of the modern office methods we now use are the result of her knowledge and painstaking efforts. Unfortunately, on account of illness in her family she was obliged to resign on February 26, 1945. We were without a Secretary until March 16, 1945, when we were again fortunate to secure the services of Miss Augusta Willsome as Secretary who served us faithfully, efficiently and well until October 30, 1945, when, because of the growing demands upon her time by her regular profession of music she felt obliged to resign on October 30, 1945. On November 1, 1945, former Yeoman 2nd Class Lucille Ambrose, U.S.C.G., Womens Reserve, was appointed Secretary.

3. The next task set, was to obtain suitable office space and move into it. While the Secretary matter was difficult, because of the low priority given us in securing help under the rules of the Manpower Commission, the problem of securing office space suitable for the purposes of the Association in the City of Washington was well nigh impossible, but it was done, and we moved into our present quarters under a years lease, which has been once renewed, and we hope will be again renewed. The rental is $42 per month.

4. With the approval of the Board of Directors the Circular Letter drafted by our Public Relations Committee, copy appended, was sent out to the membership May 16, 1944.

5. The next directive, to increase the membership, has been our constant endeavor. The membership Committee has done a good job on that problem, though the field to be covered is growing daily, and efforts along that line will be continued.

6. The next item, modernize office equipment, has been pretty well completed, through the efforts of our three Secretaries, with the aid of the appropriations for the purpose made by the Executive Committee. That Committee had to balance carefully between expenditures and available funds. They have allowed funds for a complete visible filing system which is now in operation and from which almost any kind of a data that may be needed can be lifted. They have provided funds for an addressograph installation which enables us quickly to prepare for mailing any item needed to be sent to the membership. Almost every piece of equipment needed in a modern office has been appropriated for by the Executive Committee, and such equipment has been purchased and is now in use.

7. It should be noted that a wise provision of the By-Laws requires that the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be a member of the Executive Committee. By virtue of that provision the Executive Committee can and does keep a close watch upon the funds and the expenditures of those funds. In addition the Treasurer is required to render to each Director a complete Treasurer's Report at the close of business each month.

8. The Finance Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved an investment of $7,500 in Government 2% Bonds. Those bonds were purchased June 30, 1944, and are still held.

9. Legislative matters have been reported to you and commented upon by our President in his report.

10. The Association was, by vote of the Directors, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, on May 5, 1944, as a measure to protect the name of the Association and to limit liability.

11. The Association is officially relieved from Federal income tax, and from Corporation taxes, but is required to file a certified audit of its accounts with the Collector of Internal Revenue at the end of each fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Association corresponds with the calendar year. We are required, however, to pay Social Security tax and District of Columbia Old Age and Unemployment taxes upon our two employees. Also we are assessed personal taxes upon our office equipment annually by the District of Columbia. Request has been made upon the Bureau of Internal Revenue for a relief from Federal Income Tax of our members of the amount each pays in dues to the Association. To date that has been denied. The matter is being studied further.

12. The Membership Committee has compiled a considerable report upon the membership situation. As a result the Board of Directors put into effect the plan recently submitted to the membership for postwar return vote. The results of that vote have been published to you in the October, 1945, Bulletin. The new system of dues bids fair to afford enough revenue to expand our activities.

13. It is a pleasure to report that a large number of our members have taken literally our invitation to use the home office to obtain information or help whenever needed, as they were invited to do in Circular letter of May 16, 1944, appended. The Executive Vice President takes this opportunity to point out that the number is becoming such that it is no longer possible to answer each letter promptly upon receipt. Letters involving matters of pension or pay or hospitalization are answered first, others answered as the time of our one Secretary will permit, but as promptly as possible.

14. In connection with matters treated of in paragraph 13, above, many inquiries are received relating to legal matters of a Service nature. Obviously, without legal counsel, such matters ought not to be handled, and they are not handled except in a limited way, such as sending the Public Law bearing upon the inquiry. In my opinion the Association should, as soon as finances will permit, appoint legal counsel to whom such matters could be referred for an authoritative opinion.

15. In carrying out my duties it has been necessary for me to confer with officials of the War Department, Navy Department, The Treasury Department, The Army, The Navy, The Marine Corps, The Coast Guard, The Coast and Geodetic Survey, The Public Health Service, The General Accounting Office, The Veterans Administration, The Postal Authorities and the Internal Revenue Authorities. Invariably those officials have been cooperative, informative and helpful. The Social Security officials even wrote an article for our Bulletin. To all of them I express my sincere thanks for their help.

16. To our President, our three Vice Presidents and the other members of the Board of Directors I wish to express my personal appreciation for their invariable courtesy and for the attentive heed they have given to my many requests for many things. Without their sympathetic cooperation nothing could have been accomplished.

17. The situation in respect of correct addresses of members in our files has materially improved, but it is still far from satisfactory. It is urged that each member see to it that his address is kept current with us.

18. A resume of the membership situation as at January 31, 1945, follows. In consulting these figures it should be borne in mind that, while there is no provision in the By-Laws for dropping delinquent members, and I do not believe that any such provision should be considered at this time, the Executive Committee, which was given power to act in all matters concerning this members meeting by the Board of Directors, decided that members in arrears for dues two years or more should be considered ineligible to vote at this meeting, and 185 were, accordingly not sent proxy notice.

BREAKDOWN OF MEMBERSHIP

The Army		1,366
The Navy		1,144
The Marine Corps		135
The Coast Guard		100
Coast and Geodetic Survey		22
Public Health Service		10
		2,777
Life Members		2.151
Associate Members in good standing		578
Members in good standing		48
		2,777
Delinquent Associate Members	188	
Members—address not known	247	435
Total Membership		3,212
Contributors in 1945	7	
Contributors prior to 1945	393	
Total Contributors		400
Deaths since January 1, 1944		62
Resignations since January 1, 1944		1

19. The Treasurer's Report is submitted as a separate report. The estimated amount to be spent monthly for conducting the affairs of the office judging from two years experience, is $550. To this should be added the retainer fee of legislation counsel should one be authorized. It will be noted that receipts in 1944 were $4,485.02 and in 1945 $6,667.41, an increase of $2,182.39. If receipts in 1946 equal those in 1945 (and the indications are that they will exceed that figure) and taking into consideration that no large capital investment for office equipment is foreseen, we should, in 1946, be able to add to our securities investment.

H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President.

S. 1405

The President signed the Bill, S. 1405, February 21, 1946—Public Law 305, 79th Congress.

The law grants to retired officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard the highest rank attained while serving on active duty, provided the service is found satisfactory by the Secretary of the Navy (Secretary of the Treasury in case of Coast Guard), with retired pay based upon that rank.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement for period from January 1, 1944 to March 31, 1944

Balance shown on books Los Angeles office, Dec. 31, 1943		$13,151.14
Received on Withholding Tax:		
L. A. Werner	$ 12.00	
A. T. Marix	124.80	
Received Petty Cash	4.17	140.97
Balance shown on books Los Angeles office when closed January 31, 1944		$13,292.11

NOTE: Transfer of funds made from this amount; Jan. 1, 1944—$5,000; Feb. 2, 1944—$5,236.55 (Deposited in Washington Bank account)

Membership payments for January, February and March	1,263.17
	$14,555.28

Disbursements

Salaries	$3,286.90	
Office Expense	281.42	
Telephone	18.11	
Taxes (Withholding and Social Security)	237.80	
Loan Payment	200.00	
Printing & Stationery	32.80	
Postage	33.40	
Office Supplies	5.30	
Rent	140.00	
Subscriptions	5.00	4,240.73
		$10,314.55
Transfer of funds from Los Angeles, December 15, 1943		250.00
Resources as at April 1, 1944		$10,564.55

(Signed) ROBERT HENDERSON,
Trustee
(Signed) CHESTER WELLS,
Trustee

We have examined the foregoing statement of the Trustees, for the period January 1, 1944 to March 31, 1944, and find it agrees with the books and records of the office of the Retired Officers Association.

FOR THE COMMITTEE,
(Signed) L. MCCARTY LITTLE,
Member, Finance Committee
(Signed) L. C. CRAWFORD,
Member, Finance Committee

February 8, 1945

Summary of Resources as at December 31, 1944

Cash in Bank (Hamilton Natl. Bank, Washington, D. C.)	$942.55	
Petty Cash on Hand	2.19	
Total Cash		$ 944.74
Encumbered for Taxes		302.47
		$ 642.27
U. S. TREASURY 2% BONDS 1952/54		7,500.00
Total Financial Resources as of December 31, 1944		$8,142.27
Book Value of Office Equipment		1,070.66
Present Worth		$9,212.93

Certified Correct:

(Signed) H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President-Treasurer
January 23, 1945

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the period from April 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

RECEIPTS

Membership Payments	$ 3,151.35
Interest on U. S. Govt. Bonds	70.50
Total Receipts	$ 3,221.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary—Exec. Vice Pres.	$1,325.25	
Salary—Office Sec'ys	1,228.16	
Salary—Addressograph Operator	113.40	
General Office Expense	73.50	
Premium—Treasurer's Bond	17.50	
Insurance (Workmen's Compensation)	13.87	
Postage	144.83	
Office Rent	357.00	
Subscriptions	6.75	
Personal Property Tax (DC)	5.40	
Social Security Tax	59.26	
D. C. Unemployment Tax	52.99	
Telegrams & Telephone	74.72	
Printing & Stationery	326.40	
General Office Supplies	54.10	
Office Equipment	885.22	
Exchange on Bank Items	.70	
Withholding Tax	577.80	
Petty Cash	27.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 5,343.85
Disbursements over Receipts		$ 2,122.00
Resources as at April 1, 1944		10,564.55
		$ 8,442.55
Petty Cash on Hand		2.19
Total Resources		$ 8,444.74
Encumbered for Taxes		302.47
Available Resources as at December 31, 1944		$ 8,142.27

Certified Correct:

(Signed) H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President-Treasurer
January 23, 1945

SALARY STATEMENT

Salary of Exec. Vice President		$1,875.00	
Less Taxes Withheld		549.75	$1,325.25
Salary of Secretary	$ 200.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	31.60	168.40	
Salary of Secretary	1,212.50		
Less Taxes Withheld	152.74	1,059.76	$1,228.16
Salary of Addressograph Opr.	116.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	2.60		$ 113.40

Certified Correct:
(Signed) H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President-Treasurer
January 23, 1945

Washington, D. C., 1945

We have examined the foregoing statement of the Executive Vice President and Treasurer, consisting of Sheets 1, 2 and 3, dated January 23, 1945 for the period April 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, and find it agrees with the books and records of the office of the Retired Officers Association for the period covered.

The Finance Committee.
(Signed) CHESTER WELLS, *Chairman.*
(Signed) L. C. CRAWFORD, *Member.*
(Signed) L. MCCARTY LITTLE, *Member.*
Date: Feb. 8, 1945.

Washington, D. C.
January 31, 1945

I hereby certify that I have this day counted the securities of the Retired Officers Association in the Association's Safe Deposit Box in the Hamilton National Bank, Washington, D. C., held in the custody of the Treasurer of the Association, and find them as follows: U. S. TREASURY 2% BONDS of 1952/54:

No.	*Amount*	*Coupons cashed December 15, 1944 deposited to credit of Association*
59219K	$ 500.00	$ 4.70
134946F	1,000.00	9.40
134947H	1,000.00	9.40
134948J	1,000.00	9.40
134949K	1,000.00	9.40
134950L	1,000.00	9.40
134951A	1,000.00	9.40
134952B	1,000.00	9.40
	$7,500.00	$70.50

(Signed) CHESTER WELLS,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Summary of Resources as at December 31, 1945

Cash in Bank (Hamilton National Bank) December 31, 1945	$ 996.72
U. S. TREASURY BONDS—2%, 1952/54	7,500.00
Resources at December 31, 1945	$8,496.72
Petty Cash on Hand	5.44
Financial Resources at December 31, 1945	$8,502.16
Encumbered for Taxes, December, 1945	164.98
Available Resources at December 31, 1945	$8,337.18
Book Value of Office Equipment	1,243.46
Present Worth	$9,580.64

Certified Correct:
(Signed) H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President-Treasurer
January 24, 1946.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the period from January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Membership Payments	$6,472.50

Interest on Government Bonds	150.00	
Refund on Conditional 2nd Class Mailing Permit	44.91	
Total Receipts		$6,667.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent	$ 504.00	
Salary—Executive Vice President	1,497.39	
Salary—Miss M'Ginnis $254.00		
—Miss Willsone 980.40		
—Miss Ambrose 265.65	1,500.05	
Salary—Addressograph Opr.	46.32	
Premium—Treasurer's Bond	17.50	
Insurance—Workmen's Compensation	13.87	
General Office Expense	3.50	
Telephone	99.49	
Printing & Stationery (Including Bulletins)	765.75	
Office Supplies	198.56	
Personal Property Tax	15.04	
Postage	184.64	
Postal Permit	96.50	
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	4.80	
D. C. Unemployment Tax	119.86	
Social Security Tax	88.78	
Withholding Tax	1,368.04	
Exchange on Bank Items	3.40	
Publications & Subscriptions	50.75	
Contributions	4.00	
Gratuities	10.00	
Lapel Buttons	1.00	
Petty Cash	20.00	
Total Disbursements		$6,613.24
Receipts over Disbursements		54.17
Cash Resources at December 31, 1944		$8,442.55
		$8,496.72
Petty Cash on Hand		5.44
Financial Resources at December 31, 1945		$8,502.16
Encumbered for December Taxes		164.98
Available Resources at December 31, 1945		$8,337.18

Certified Correct—January 24, 1946
(Signed) H. G. HAMLET,
Executive Vice President-Treasurer

SALARY STATEMENT

Salary of Executive Vice President		$2,500.00	
Less Taxes Withheld		1,002.39	$1,497.61
Salary of Secretary: Miss McGinnis	$ 300.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	46.00	254.00	
Salary of Secretary: Miss Willsone	$1,160.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	179.60	980.40	
Salary of Secretary: Miss Ambrose	$ 315.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	49.35	265.65	$1,500.05
Salary of Addressograph Operator	$ 48.00		
Less Taxes Withheld	1.68		$ 46.32

BULLETIN EXPENSE

Total expense for 3 issues of Retired Officers Association Bulletin	$539.47
Average cost per Bulletin Issue	$179.82½

Certified Correct:
(Signed) H. G. HAMLET
January 24, 1946.

Washington, D. C.

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The Finance Committee.
(Signed) CHESTER WELLS, *Chairman.*
(Signed) L. MCCARTY LITTLE, *Member.*
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